

- 1612 The *Ainsworth Psalter* (Pilgrim Psalmbook) printed in Amsterdam
- 1640 The *Bay Psalm Book* printed in Cambridge, Mass.
- 1707 Isaac Watts' *Hymns and Spiritual Songs* printed in England
- 1720 Founding of the Ephrata Cloister in Pennsylvania
- 1744 Establishment of Moravian Collegium Musicum in Bethlehem, Pa.
- 1746 Wesley and Lampe's *Hymns on the Great Festivals*
- 1762 Founding of the Saint Cecilia Society, Charleston, South Carolina
- 1767 First American ballad opera, Barton's *The Disappointment* (premiere 1976)
- 1769-1823 Founding of the California Missions
- 1794 Publication of William Billings' *The Continental Harmony*
- 1796 First performance of the French Opera in New Orleans
- 1810-13 Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music* (primary source of American folk hymnody)
- 1815 Founding of the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston
- 1830? Invention of the modern banjo
- 1842 The Christy Minstrels organized in Buffalo, N.Y.
- 1842 Founding of the New York Philharmonic Society
- 1843 Violinist Ole Bull (1810-80) visits America
- 1843 The Virginia Minstrels (with Dan Emmett) give first organized minstrel show in N.Y.
- 1844 Publication of *The Sacred Harp*, by B.F. White and E.J. King (shape-note hymns)
- 1845 Founding of the Southern Musical Convention
- 1845 First American grand opera, William Henry Fry's *Leonora*, presented in Philadelphia
- 1848 Composition (anonymous) of the Shaker hymn *Simple Gifts*
- 1850 Jenny Lind (1820-87) comes to the United States under sponsorship of P.T. Barnum
- 1851 *Old Folks at Home* composed by Stephen Foster
- 1852 First publication of *Dwight's Journal of Music* (first American music criticism)
- 1853 American debut of pianist Louis Moreau Gottschalk in New York on February 11
- 1853 Establishment of Steinway and Sons, piano makers, in New York
- 1855 Bristow's *Rip Van Winkle*, first opera on an American subject, given in New York
- 1867 Publication of *Slave Songs of the United States*, edited by Allen, Ware, and Garrison
- 1873 Publication of Moody and Sankey's *Sacred Songs and Solos* (revival hymns)
- 1877 Edison invents the phonograph
- 1881 Founding of the Boston Symphony
- 1883 Opening of the Metropolitan Opera House, New York
- 1892-95 Antonín Dvořák visits America
- 1899 Scott Joplin writes *Maple Leaf Rag*
- 1909-11 Gustav Mahler conducts the New York Philharmonic
- 1912-38 Leopold Stokowski leads the Philadelphia Orchestra
- 1915 Charles Ives completes *Concord Sonata* (begun 1909)
- 1917 First commercial recording of Dixieland Jazz (Original Dixieland Jazz Band)
- 1917 Cecil Sharp publishes *English Folksongs from the Southern Appalachians*
- 1918 Inauguration of the Goldman Band Concerts
- 1923 League of Composers founded
- 1924 Paul Whiteman's February 12 première of Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*
- 1924-49 Serge Koussevitzky conducts the Boston Symphony
- 1930 Arthur Fiedler conducts the Boston Pops
- 1931 First Metropolitan Opera radio broadcast
- 1937-54 Arturo Toscanini conducts the NBC Symphony
- 1940 Establishment of Berkshire Music Center, Tanglewood, Mass.
- 1946-70 George Szell conducts the Cleveland Orchestra

